MASS TIMES MASS INTENTION

<u>Sat 23rd September</u> TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (A)

(MHR) 6.30pm People Of The Parish

Sun 24th September

(StD) 9am: Paddy Neville RIP - Mary & Family

(MHR) 11am Chukwuka Linus Anumba RIP - Chibuzor Anumba

Mon 25th September FERIA

(MHR) 9.30am: Rita O'Malley Birthday- Theresa

Tues 26th September Ss COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM

(StD) 9.30am Gina Intentions

Wed 27th September ST VINCENT de PAUL, Pr

(MHR) 9.30 am: **NO MASS**

Thurs 28th September (StD) 9.30am: FERIA Rita-Jo

Fri 29th September SSMICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

(MHR) 9.30am Children, Grandchildren – Mrs Patience, David Eagles

Sat 30th September TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (A)

(MHR) 6.30pm: Brielle Henry Ezimoha - Lynda Ezimoha

Sun 1st October

(StD) 9am: People Of The Parish

(MHR) 11am: Geraldo Sena RIP Aniv - Lily Nozarick

Morning Prayer: Before Mass 9.15am on Mon - Fri after Morning Mass Rosary (MHR) & Tues and Thurs after Morning Mass (StD) Confession: at MHR (by request)

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH AND HOUSEBOUND

Brian Angel, Jason Angel, Rita Bracher, Christine, Deborah DiMoriaku, Stacey Doyle, Mary Eckett, Louise Flores, G. Golding, Tania Kavanagh, Daniel Kelleher, Karen Kennedy, Billy Koseda, Luke, Madeleine, Charlotte Massey, Eileen McGeown, Graham McGeown, Geraldine McStravick, Susan Newman, Elsie Pridemore, Dee Skene, William Taylor, Tony Tyres, June Warrington, Eileen Lacey, Andrew White, Lynsey Mitchell, John Barry, Trish Connolly, Fran Manderson,, Veronica & John Campling, Sarah Harding, Claire Monkcom, Andy and Doreen, Nadia Bolton, Donna McKearney, Tina Perotti, Brenda White, Ann Carr, Janet O'Brien, Jacqueline Pears and Steve Stripe, Paul Singleton, Mary Boyle, Tom Green.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

John Henry Bolton. Annie Gostling, Pietro Perotti, Catherine Murphy, Philip Joseph Sheridan, Agnes Edwards, Margaret Carter, Pope John Paul 1. George (Sam) Carabine, John Gill, Fr. Bob Newbery, Elizabeth Clarke, Mary Fitzgerald, Mr Wheatley, Nancy Sullivan, Mr Harrington, Fr. Bernard Wakeling, James Edwards. Kay Donnelly.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES [A]

24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

<u>First Reading</u>: Isaiah 55:6-9 <u>Second Reading</u>: Philippians 1:20-24, 27 <u>Gospel</u>: Matthew 20:1-16 Some consider the story in the today's Gospel of the workers in the vineyard an unfair story. What happens seems patently unjust. It seems to favour the idler at the expense of the hard worker. Not so. The story goes out of its way to stress that no injustice has been done.

However, the story is not about justice. It is about generosity. Justice is a great thing, but it hasn't the sweetness of generosity. Generosity touches the heart in a way justice never does. Though the story is about generosity, it is not about human generosity. It is about the generosity of GOD.

God's generosity utterly transcends human generosity. 'My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are my ways your ways. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts' (First Reading). We know of people who turn to God at a very late stage in their life. There are even those who receive God on their deathbed. To Christians who feel that living their faith is a task difficult to carry and burden, those latecomers to the fold are to be envied. They did not have to strive to be good Christians all their lives but only at the last hour.

God comes to each of us at a different stage of our life, just like the vineyard owner who goes out five times looking for workers. We must keep in mind that it is God who calls us. He takes the initiative, but it is up to us to respond to his call. If we pay attention to our own respond, we will cease to be envious of our neighbours. We will come to realize that everyone is called to the vineyard at one's own time, given one's own situation. Once God has touched our hearts, and warmed them with his love, we will begin to love in our turn.

As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those who may wish to pray quietly. Before Mass, try to keep conversation to a minimum and avoid behaviour which could distract others. Please make sure Mobile Phones are switched off or on silent. Thank You for your co-operation.

We welcome Fr. Gerald Gostling who will be celebrating weekday masses (No Wednesday's Masses) Fr. Stewart Foster who will be celebrating Saturday evening masses at Most Holy Redeemer, Fr. Sabu and Fr. Saji who will be celebrating Masses on Sunday Mornings at St. Dominic's and Most Holy Redeemer. Please welcome them into our Parishes. Fr Joseph is going to take a much deserved rest.

SCHOOL SURGERY DATE AND TIME: for school signing for Certificate of Practise will be arranged in the **middle of October**, Details will follow in due course. Thank you for your patience.

SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL - If someone staying in the hospital would like Holy Communion, please contact the lay chaplaincy coordinator Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. In an emergency ask the ward staff to request the on-call Catholic priest via switchboard.

MASS REGISTRATION CARDS- Mass Registration Cards 2023-2024 are still available for collection. Please collect a new card if your child attends Nursery this year 2023 as you need a card for reception 2024. Children from Year 3 for FHC ,Year 4 and Year 5 to pick up a card. Please RETURN the card for Year 5 for children who are going into Year 6 2022-2023. Please be aware no more Mass Registration cards will be available after the October Half Term.

THANK YOU The total collected for Evangelii Guardium last week was £ 162.46. MHR raised £81.23 STD raised £81.23. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult times.

CONFIRMATION - Please be advise there is no Confirmation Class for this year 2023–2024.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 - For children who will be in Year 3 or above in September. The application forms are still available. Closing date for application Sunday 29th October 2023. See Paula Jones First Holy Communion Co-Ordinator.

<u>TALENT NIGHT</u> - Friday 27th October, 7pm at St. George's Hall. This is a popular and well supported event. Applications forms are available . Please see Theresa for further details.

<u>VOLUNTEERS</u> - Are needed to help with the setting up the Christmas Market on **Friday 27th November** - Please see Theresa if you are able to help in anyway.

<u>CHRISTMAS MARKET</u>- <u>Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November</u>. This is a major fundraising of the year. To start we are urgently in need of donations for soft toys and teddies for the teddy stall. Donations of bottles for the Tombola. See Theresa for further information.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME 2023/24 If you know of anyone who is interested in making this Journey of Faith Programme with the possibility of being received into full-communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, please contact Fr. Joseph to give your details Parish Office 01708 343492 or email haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org. The programme will commence on Tuesday 14th November at 6.30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS – please note the next available dates: Sunday Masses: 9am (StD) – 05/11/23 11am (MHR) – 28/01/24 6.30pm (MHR) – (Sat) 29/10/23, Weekday Masses: (MHR) 13/11/23 (StD) 17/10/23. Remember to allow plenty of notice if you require a particular date/time - it isn't always possible to celebrate Mass Intentions on the day requested; if so the Mass will be celebrated on the nearest available date. Place Mass Intentions in a clearly marked envelope and they will be dealt with by the Parish Administrator. Thank you.

<u>VACANCY PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – St Joseph the Worker, Hutton</u> is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over two days (one must be a Friday). Closing date is noon on 4th October 2023. Job description: I attached to this email. CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact Fr Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org.

YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING-Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School warmly invite parents of Year 6 pupils to attend their Open Evening on Thursday 5th October from 6pm to 8pm. Tours of the school are available from 6pm and the Headteacher talk is at 7.30pm. Parking for Disabled Guests only on site

YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING - at Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will take place on Thursday 28th September 2023 from 6.30 - 9.00pm. With Head Teacher's talk at 6.30 and 7.30pm. Open mornings 9.30—11.30am. (by appointment only) on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October 2023. For further information contact the school on 01277 227156 or email admin@buchs.co.uk.

<u>VACANCY HOUSEKEEPER – Our Lady & All Saints, Basildon</u> -Our Lady & All Saints in Basildon are looking for a part time Housekeeper for Holy Trinity Presbytery and Hall, St Therese Hall and occasionally in St Basil's Presbytery in Basildon Parish. The post will be part-time (approximately 15 hours per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Sabu via the Parish email address: basildon@brcdt.org Job description can be viewed via our website Job description: Housekeeper Our Lady & All Saints -Basildon (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us Closing date for applications is 6th October 2023.

LOVE THE STRANGER: Earlier this year the Bishops of England and Wales produced a document on Migrants and Refugees, entitled 'Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees'. Liam Allmark, who works at the Bishops' Conference, will present the document at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 7th October from 11 a.m. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Ample parking available and local eateries. Five minutes' walk from the Elizabeth Line. This free event is both in-person and live-stream. Please go to www.whatgoodnews.org for details. A recording of the study day will be made available on the website.

<u>CAMPION SCHOOL</u> - **SIXTH FORM** (External Students in September 2024) Opening evening Thursday 19th October 23 at 6.30pm to 8pm. Headteacher talk at 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

CANON PATRICK SAMMONS RIP- Sale of Books and CDs—Over the last few weeks the late Canon Patrick Sammon's extensive library and collection of CDs have been sorted by Father Stewart Foster, the Diocesan Archivist. Many of his theological books have been taken to a seminary so that future priests may benefit thereby. On the weekend of 21/22 October in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, London E11 2 PR (after all the Masses; Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 9.30am, 11.30am & 6.30pm) there will be a sale of the remaining books and CDs. As well as being an appropriate way for those who knew Fr Pat to have a memento via books and CDs, £1 per item will be charged and the money raised will be sent to the Brentwood Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund to assist those who wish to go to Lourdes but who might find the cost of the Diocesan Pilgrimage beyond their means. Fr Pat was the Director of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage for many years and did much to assist needy pilgrims.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 20th September 2023 Bonus Ball No: 50 Winner: 'Church' £25 Congratulations to winners and thank you for supporting your Parishes.